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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 4949 ACTION SECSTATE, NOVEMBER 21ST:

QUOTE

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SUBJ: 28TH GA: UNCTAD, ITEM 51 - INDIAN RESOLUTION

ON MTN

1. LDC'S HAVE NOW PROPOSED WITH HIGH DEGREE OF INSISTENCE
A NEW OPERATIVE PARA 4 AS FOLLOWS: "DRAWS ATTENTION
TO THE DESIRE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT THE MULTI-
LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF
INTER ALIA OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT."

2. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN
AND EC TAKE EXCEPTION INTRODUCTION OF THIS PARA THIS LATE
STAGE. PARTICULARLY WITH LANGUAGE THAT MIGHT UNDERMINE TOKYO
DECLARATION. THEY FELT HOWEVER THAT SOME ACCOMMODATION COULD
BE MADE AND PROPOSED PARA BE MODIFIED AND RELOCATED AS
PREAMBLE PARA TO READ: "TAKES NOTE OF THE VIEW OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD
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BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS INTER ALIA OF PREFERENTIAL

TREATMENT. FALL-BACK POSITION WOULD BE LOCATION AS NEW
OPERATIVE PARA 2 TO HAVE REFERENCE TO CONCEPTS AGREED
AT TOKYO AT END OF RESOLUTION AND THUS AVOID CASTING
ANY REFLECTION ON TOKYO DECLARATION.

3. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP AGREED TO SUBSTITUTE QUOTE
RECALLING THE IMPORTANT DECLARATION WHICH WAS APPROVED
BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING AT TOKYO AS WELL AS THE
CONCLUDING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN. END QUOTE FOR WELCOMES
IN PREAMBULAR PARA 2. ALSO THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA WOULD READ
QUOTE REAFFIRMING THAT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL
AIM, INTER ALIA, TO SECURE... . END QUOTE

4. IN SECOND OPERATIVE PARA REFERENCE IS NOW QUOTE OF
GATT IN WHICH ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING AS WELL AS
DEVELOPED, WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. END QUOTE

5. ALL PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION OF TEXT IN PREAMBULAR
PARAS CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE BY GROUP 77. AS ALTERNATIVE
TO PROPOSAL PARA 1 ABOVE, INDIAN DEL SUGGESTED NEW OPERATIVE
PARA 2, AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DRAWS ATTENTION TO SECTION A OF
RESOLUTION 83 (3) WHICH SET FORTH PRINCIPLES PUT FORWARD
BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE NEGOTIATIONS.
END QUOTE DC'S REGARD LOCATION AS SECOND OPERATIVE PARA IMPORTANT
AND AT LAST MINUTE AGREED TO CONSULT CAPITALS THIS LANGUAGE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE RE ABOVE PROPOSAL FOR MEETING WEDNESDAY
P.M. IF POSSIBLE.
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